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TO: ALL SUPERVISORS

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MAJOR FIRE INCIDENT

On Saturday evening, August 17, 2002, at 7:24 p.m., Fire Department units were responded to a major fire incident at a reported commercial structure located at 848 East 1st Street. When our first unit arrived on scene, the structure was well involved with fire threatening adjacent exposures that included residential and other commercial structures.

It took 200 personnel several hours to bring the incident under control. One fire fighter sustained minor injuries due to exhaustion. He was transported to a local hospital for evaluation and was later released.

All of the exposures were saved, and the fire was confined to the building of origin. The estimated dollar loss from the incident is \$1.5 million (\$1 million structure /\$500,000 contents). The estimated value of the structure is \$3 million, and the contents are valued at \$1 million. The cause of the fire is unknown at this time and is currently under investigation.

If you have any questions, please let me know.

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